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SUBJECT: UNGA OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH LOERKE, NORTH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER IN THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHO GAVE US THE FOLLOWING REPORT. HE RECALLED THAT THE COMMUNITY ALREADY HAS OBSERVER STATUS IN VARIOUS UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND SAID THAT IT HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT, IN THE COMMISSION'S VIEW, THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD ALSO HAVE THAT STATUS IN NEW YORK. OBSERVER STATUS THERE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE, WHERE DISCUSSIONS OF SUBJECTS, SUCH AS ECONOMIC MATTERS AND AID QUESTIONS, ARE MORE PARTICULARLY RELATED TO THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMUNITY.

2. LOERKE RECALLED THAT THE EC COUNCIL HAD DECIDED SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBER STATES INSTRUCTED THEIR AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK ACCORDINGLY. HOWEVER, THE INSTRUCTION WAS NOT CARRIED OUT BECAUSE THE AMBASSADORS FELT IT WAS UNWISE AT THAT TIME TO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS ARISING FOR QUESTIONS OF FRG AND GDR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN AND THE BELIEF THAT CEMA WOULD ALSO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS AND THUS PERHAPS BE GIVEN EQUALITY WITH THE COMMUNITY.

3. NOW, WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING A COMMUNITY POSITION DURING THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND FACING THE NEED FOR A COMMON POSITION FOR THE REGULAR SESSION THIS AUTUMN, THERE IS RENEWED INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY IN THIS SUBJECT. A COMMISSION PROPOSAL THAT THE MEMBER STATES SEEK TO HAVE THE QUESTION PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE UNGA NEXT FALL WAS RECENTLY DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEMBER STATES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE PROPOSAL. THE MEMBER STATES HAVE THEREFORE SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK TO HOLD EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT AND TO REPORT BACK WHETHER IT APPEARS A CONSENSUS EXISTS FAVORING OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE AMBASSADORS' REPORTS OF THEIR EXPLORATORY TALKS WILL THEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE PERM REPS TO DETERMINE THE NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN.

4. LOERKE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION'S VIEW IS THAT CEMA WOULD PROBABLY ALSO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS IF THE COMMUNITY DECIDES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST AND IS GRANTED THAT STATUS. THE COMMISSION FEELS THAT SUCH A REQUEST FROM CEMA WOULD BE DECIDED ON ITS OWN MERITS BUT THAT IT WOULD "NOT BE SUCH A DISASTER" IF CEMA WERE ALSO GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS BECAUSE IT WOULD SOON BECOME CLEAR THAT THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT THE SAME AS FAR AS COMPETENCES AND AUTHORITY ARE CONCERNED. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT SOME OFFICIALS WITHIN THE COMMISSION STILL RAISE THIS PROBLEM BUT HE FEELS THAT IT IS A "FALSE PROBLEM."GREENWALD

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